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House Bill 507

(Delegate R. Lewis, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Finance

State Board of Physicians - Supervised Medical Graduates

This emergency bill authorizes a “supervised medical graduate” (an individual who has (1) a degree of doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy from an institution that meets specified standards and (2) passed parts one and two of the United State Medical Licensing Examination) to perform delegated duties in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Physicians (MBP) under “direct supervision” (oversight exercised by a delegating physician who is personally treating the patient and is in the presence of the patient and the supervised medical graduate).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: MBP can adopt regulations using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: The mission of MBP is to assure quality health care in Maryland through the efficient licensure and effective discipline of health providers under its jurisdiction by protecting and educating clients/customers and stakeholders and enforcing the Maryland Medical Practice Act. The board has regulatory authority over physicians, physician assistants, radiographers, radiation therapists, nuclear medicine technologists, radiologist assistants, respiratory care practitioners, polysomnographic technologists, athletic trainers, perfusionists, naturopathic doctors, and genetic counselors.

Small Business Effect: Small business health care providers may benefit from the bill's authorization for a medical graduate to perform delegated duties under the direct supervision of a physician.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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